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# **Biology**

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1(b)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Can't form myosin/thick filaments;</li> <li>2. Can't pull/can't move actin/slide actin past / (myosin) have to be joined/fixe to pull actin;</li> <li>3. Myosin moves /if attached doesn't move;</li> <li>4. Can't move actin towards each other/middle of sarcomere/between myosin/ can't shorten sarcomere/can't pull Z lines together;</li> </ol>	3	<p>Neutral: prevents actin and myosin sliding filament action</p> <p>2. Accept: myosin can't pull on each other</p> <p>4. Accept: contract for shorten</p>								

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2(a)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Stimulates/causes ovulation/ /((secondary) oocyte(s);</li> <li>2. Stimulates/causes formation of corpus luteum;</li> <li>3. Stimulates/leads to production/release of oestrogen/progesterone;</li> </ol>	2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Accept release of egg/ovum</li> <li>1. Ignore references to follicle</li> <li>3. Ignore: references to testosterone</li> </ol>
2(b)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Inhibition of hypothalamus <b>so</b> less GnRH;</li> <li>2. Inhibition of pituitary/less GnRH <b>so</b> less LH <u>and</u> FSH;</li> <li>3. So no stimulation of testes to make testosterone;</li> </ol>	3	<p>Ignore references to negative feedback</p> <p>1 and 2 must include all the statement</p> <p>1 and 2 Accept none = less</p>
2(c)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Keeps/makes/causes high testosterone;</li> <li>2. So (keeps) inhibition of GnRH/LH/FSH;</li> </ol>	2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Must have idea of high or higher</li> <li>2. Accept: inhibits hypothalamus/pituitary gland</li> <li>2. Accept less/no GnRH/LH/FSH</li> </ol>

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3(a)(i)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(Tumour suppressor) gene inactivated/not able to control/slow down cell division;</li> <li>Rate of cell division too fast/out of control ;</li> </ol>	2	Ignore: references to growth 1 and 2 Accept: mitosis 1 and 2 Reject: meiosis
3(a)(ii)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(Genetic) code degenerate;</li> <li>Mutation in intron;</li> </ol>	1 max	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accept: codon for triplet                1. Accept description of degenerate code, e.g. another triplet codes for the same amino acid</li> <li>Accept: mutation in non-coding DNA</li> </ol>
3(b)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Antibody has specific tertiary structure/binding site/variable region;</li> <li>Complementary (shape/fit) to receptor protein/GF/ binds to receptor protein/to GF;</li> <li>Prevents GF binding (to receptor);</li> </ol>	3	Do not accept explanations involving undefined antigen 2. Ignore: same shape as receptor protein/GF

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4(a)	Two suitable suggestions;; E.g. Parents/students might lie (about smoking)/don't know how much parents smoke / don't know what parents smoke / don't know strength of cigarettes parents smoke	2 max	Ignore: unqualified reference to bias / reference to sample size/ only one study/ not completing form correctly
4(b)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Children of parents who smoke likely to be/are exposed to more SHS/ have less expression of gene;</li> <li>2. (Less expression of gene means) more likely to have allergic reaction;</li> <li>3. Significant difference because SEs (or <math>2 \times SE</math>) do not overlap;</li> <li>4. Large sample size, so data reliable;</li> </ol>	3 max	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Accept converse for parents who do not smoke</li> </ol> Ignore: references to correlation and causation  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Reject: results significant</li> <li>3. Ignore: ref. to SDs</li> </ol>
4(c)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Prevent binding of transcription factor;</li> <li>2. Prevents RNA polymerase binding/working;</li> <li>3. Prevents complementary/specific base-pairing;</li> <li>4. (No transcription, so) no (pre)mRNA made;</li> <li>5. No/less translation (of mRNA);</li> </ol>	3 max	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Ignore: references to polymerase bringing in complementary bases</li> <li>3. Accept descriptions of base pairing – A with U or C with G</li> <li>3. Accept complementary nucleotides</li> <li>5. Accept description of translation/no protein synthesis</li> </ol>

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5(a)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(Increased pressure) deforms/changes <u>stretch-mediated</u> sodium (ion) channel;</li> <li>(Sodium channels open and) sodium <u>ions</u> flow in;</li> <li>Depolarisation (leading to generator potential);</li> </ol>	3	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accept Na<sup>+</sup></li> <li>Accept correct description of depolarisation</li> </ol>
5(b)	<p>Value between 2.17:1 and 2.29:1;;</p> <p>Values between 117 to 119 and between 52 to 54 found but ratio wrong way round = 1 mark</p>	2	<p>Accept rounding up to 2.2 or 2.3</p> <p>Accept: number without : 1</p> <p>Correct working showing answer but incorrect rounding in answer line = 1</p> <p>Wrong way round gives answer between 0.35:1 and 0.46:1</p>
5(c)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parasympathetic greater effect than sympathetic;</li> <li>Parasympathetic keeps heart rate down/lower/decreases heart rate (as blood pressure increases);</li> <li>Sympathetic keeps heart rate up/higher/increases heart rate (as blood pressure increases);</li> <li>Parasympathetic greatest/greater effect at high blood pressure/sympathetic greatest effect at low blood pressure;</li> </ol>	3 max	<p>Ignore: descriptions of graph</p> <p>2. and 3. Accept converse for blood pressure decreases</p>

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6(a)	<p>One suitable suggestion; explained; Eg</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Action potentials travel more slowly/don't travel;</li> <li>So delay in muscle contraction/muscles don't contract/muscles contract slow(er);</li> </ol> <p><b>OR</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Action potentials/depolarisation 'leaks' to adjacent neurones;</li> <li>So wrong muscle (fibres) contract;</li> </ol>	2 max	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accept: fewer/no saltatory movement of potentials</li> <li>Accept: neurones not insulated</li> </ol>
6(b)	Lipid-soluble / pass through phospholipid bilayer;	1	Not just 'pass through membranes'
6(c)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prevents influx of calcium <u>ions</u> (into pre-synaptic membrane);</li> <li>(Synaptic) vesicles don't fuse with membrane / vesicles don't release neurotransmitter;</li> <li>Neurotransmitter does not diffuse across synapse/does not bind to receptors (on post-synaptic membrane);</li> <li>No action potential/depolarisation (of post-synaptic membrane)/ sodium (ion) channels do not open / prevents influx of sodium <u>ions</u>;</li> </ol>	4	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Need idea of <u>moving into</u> pre-synaptic membrane/synaptic knob</li> <li>Accept <math>\text{Ca}^{++}/\text{Ca}^{2+}</math></li> <li>Accept vesicles don't release acetylcholine</li> <li>Accept: sarcolemma/muscle membrane for post-synaptic membrane</li> <li>Accept <math>\text{Na}^+</math></li> <li>Accept prevents depolarisation of muscle cell</li> </ol> <p>Ignore: descriptions of events at post-synaptic membrane involving calcium ions and muscle contraction</p>
6(d)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>They won't affect synapses in brain;</li> <li>They won't cause problems with the brain's function/won't damage brain;</li> <li>(So only the) muscle/neuromuscular junctions treated/affected;</li> </ol>	2 max	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accept: suitable named problem e.g. hallucination</li> <li>Ignore: unqualified references to 'side effects'</li> <li>Accept: reference to addiction/harm of smoking (cannabis)</li> </ol>



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7(a)	<p>1. Similarity – directional response (to a stimulus)/movement towards/away from a stimulus;</p> <p>2. Difference – taxis (whole) organism moves <u>and</u> tropism a growth (response);</p>	2	<p>2. Must be clear which one, taxis or tropism, they are referring to</p> <p>2. Taxis occurs in animals/motile organisms <u>and</u> tropism occurs in plants</p>
7(b)	<p>1. Grow in direction of/towards (pull of) gravity;</p> <p>2. Grow away from salt;</p> <p>3. Salt has more effect (than gravity);</p>	3	<p>Accept: tropism for growth</p> <p>Ignore: pulled by gravity</p> <p>1. Accept: positively geotropic/gravitropic</p> <p>2. Accept: negatively chemotropic/halotropic</p> <p>1 and 2. Ignore: references to bends/moves</p> <p>3. Accept: converse statement for gravity</p> <p>Note: all three points may appear in one sentence</p>
7(c)	<p>1. More carriers in (cell) <b>L</b>/lower in <b>R</b>;</p> <p>2. (So) less IAA in (cell) <b>L</b>/more IAA in (cell) <b>R</b>;</p> <p>3. (So) more (elongation) growth in <b>L</b>/less (elongation) growth in <b>R</b>;</p>	3	<p>Accept: left for <b>L</b> and right for <b>R</b>/side nearer salt for <b>L</b></p> <p>2. Accept: more IAA moves out of <b>L</b>/less IAA moves out of <b>R</b></p> <p>3. Accept: less inhibition of growth in <b>L</b>/more inhibition of growth in <b>R</b>;</p>

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8(a)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Release of glucagon;</li> <li>2. Leads to formation of glucose in liver (cells);</li> <li>3. From non-carbohydrates/amino acids/fatty acids;</li> </ol>	3	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Reject: glucagon breaks down glycogen, or any other biological molecule</li> <li>3. Accept: gluconeogenesis/references to glycogen as source of glucose</li> </ol>
8(b)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mutant mice (mRNA suggests) make a lot of (the) enzyme;</li> <li>2. Mutant mice use kidney/intestine (cells) to make glucose;</li> <li>3. Normal mice do this much less/normal mice use liver cells;</li> </ol>	3	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Accept: PCK1 made (for enzyme made)</li> <li>2. Accept: use other organ (than liver)</li> </ol>
8(c)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Differences significant;</li> <li>2. Probability of difference being due to chance <u>less than</u> 0.01/1%/1 in 100 / probability of difference not being due to chance <u>more than</u> 0.99/99%/99 in 100;</li> </ol>	2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reject: references to results being significant once</li> <li>2. Ignore: references to 0.05/5%/5 in 100</li> </ol>

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9(a)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cut (DNA) at same (base) sequence/(recognition) sequence;</li> <li>(So) get (fragments with gene) <b>R</b>/required gene;</li> </ol>	2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accept: cut DNA at same place</li> <li>Accept: 'allele' for 'gene'/same gene</li> </ol>
9(b)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Each has/they have a specific base sequence;</li> <li>That is complementary (to allele r or R);</li> </ol>	2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accept description of 'complementary'</li> </ol>
9(c)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fragments L from parent rr, because all longer fragments/195 base pair fragments;</li> <li>Fragments N from parent RR, because all shorter fragments/135 base pair fragments;</li> <li>(M from) offspring heterozygous/Rr/ have both 195 and 135 base pair fragments;</li> </ol>	3	<p>Ignore: references to fragments that move further/less, <u>require</u> identification of longer/shorter or 195/135</p> <p>1 and 2 Accept: A3 for 195 and A4 for 135</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accept: (homozygous) recessive</li> <li>Accept: (homozygous) dominant</li> <li>Accept: have both bands/strips</li> </ol> <p>Reject: <u>primer</u> longer/shorter</p>
9(d)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(Cells in mitosis) chromosomes visible;</li> <li>(So) can see which chromosome DNA probe attached to;</li> </ol>	2	

9(e)(i)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. For comparison with resistant flies/other (two) experiments/groups;</li> <li>2. To see death rate (in non-resistant)/ to see effect of insecticide in non-resistant/normal flies;</li> </ol>	2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ignore: compare results/data/no other factors Accept: 'pesticide' as 'insecticide'</li> <li>2. Accept to see that insecticide worked/to see effect of enzyme</li> </ol>
9(e)(ii)	<p>(PM must be involved because)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Few resistant flies die (without inhibitor);</li> <li>2. More inhibited flies die than resistant flies;</li> <li>3. (PM) inhibited flies die faster (than resistant flies);</li> </ol> <p>(Other factors must be involved because)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Some resistant flies die;</li> <li>5. But (with inhibitor) still have greater resistance/die slower than non-resistant flies;</li> </ol>	4 max	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Accept: (with inhibitor) die slower than non-resistant flies</li> </ol>

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10(a)	<p>10 (a) The importance of responses to changes in the internal and external environment of an organism.</p> <p><i>Topic areas</i></p> <p><b>T</b> - 3.1.3 Transport in and out of cells (of specific substances)</p> <p><b>I</b> - 3.1.6 Immune response</p> <p><b>Hb</b> - 3.2.4 Haemoglobin</p> <p><b>Tr</b> - 3.2.7 Transpiration – response to environmental factors – gas exchange in plants</p> <p><b>B</b> - 3.2.9 Behaviour</p> <p><b>A</b> - 3.2.10 Adaptation and selection</p> <p><b>P</b> - 3.4.8 Changes in populations – selection pressures</p> <p><b>R</b> - 3.5.1 Responses to stimuli – plants and tropisms – control of heart rate</p> <p><b>Tk</b> - 3.5.1 Taxes and kineses</p> <p><b>Rc</b> - 3.5.1 Receptors</p> <p><b>H</b> – 3.5.2 Control of Heart Rate</p> <p><b>Sn</b> - 3.5.1 and 2 Simple reflexes and neurones and synapses</p> <p><b>Hr</b> - 3.5.2 and 5.4 Hormones and responses</p> <p><b>C</b> – 3.5.2 Chemical mediators</p> <p><b>Ho</b> - 3.5.4 Homeostasis – response to changes in internal environment</p> <p><b>F</b> - 3.5.5 Feedback</p> <p><b>G</b> - 3.5.7 Gene expression as part of response</p>	25	

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10(b)	<p>10 (b) The importance to humans of the control of growth, reproduction and development of organisms, including themselves.</p> <p><i>Topic areas</i></p> <p><b>A</b> - 3.1.1 Pathogens (and invasion of human tissues) and 3.2.10 Antibiotic resistance – control of bacterial growth</p> <p><b>Ch</b> - 3.1.3 Cholera</p> <p><b>I</b> - 3.1.6 Immune response and vaccination (to control growth of pathogens)</p> <p><b>B</b> - 3.2.11 Human influence on biodiversity</p> <p><b>Hp</b> - 3.4.1 Human populations</p> <p><b>Hf</b> - 3.4.5 Humans and farming practices – and 3.2.3 selective breeding</p> <p><b>F</b> - 3.4.6 Use of fertilisers and pesticides</p> <p><b>S</b> - 3.4.7 Succession – control of</p> <p><b>G</b> - 3.4.8 Genetics – prediction of inherited conditions</p> <p><b>Ge</b> - 3.5.7 Control of gene expression – stem cells</p> <p><b>C</b> - 3.5.7 Regulation of gene expression – prevention, treatment and cure of cancer – and 3.2.5 Mitosis and cancer</p> <p><b>Gc</b> - 3.5.8 Gene cloning and transfer</p> <p><b>Gt</b> - 3.5.8 Gene therapy</p>	25	